[Mr. K. George.]

4.	Kammala	...
5.	Kshatriya (Malayala)	...
6.	Nadar	...
7.	Nayar	20
8.	Pulaya	...
9.	Vellala	...
10.	Other depressed classes	...
11.	Other Hindus	2
Mussalman		2
Christians.		
1.	Protestants	1
2.	Roman Catholic	
	(*a*) Latin-rite	3
	(*b*) Syriac-rite	1
3.	Syrians	
	(*a*) Jabobite	1
	(*b*) Mar Thoma	4
4.	Church of England	1
	Total	56

Conduct of the Trivandrum Town Service.

34. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : With reference to the Trivandrum Town Service, conducted by Messrs. Pioneer and Co., Ltd., and Prince and Co., Ltd., will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is an agreement between the Government and the two Companies regarding the Town Service, and if so, whether they will lay on the table a copy of the agreement ;

(*b*) the minimum number of buses which the companies are bound to keep in good order ;

(*c*) whether the Prince Company is having to-day (10-12-1108) the required number of buses in good order ;

(*d*) at what cost the bus-stop plates were introduced along the Town Service line and for what purpose ;

(*e*) whether the Commissioner of Police or the Traffic Department is in any way supervising to see whether the purpose for which the bus-stop plates were introduced is being carried out by the two companies ;

(*f*) how many cases of overload in Town Service buses were detected from the beginning of the Town Service up to date (10-12-1108) and by whom they were detected ; and

(*g*) whether there were any complaints against the Prince Company by any member of the general public, and, if so, the purport of those complaints and the action taken on them ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) Yes. A copy of the agreement is placed on the table.

(*b*) the minimum number of buses required for the four routes of each company is five. They should have also 2 reserve buses for every five.

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(*c*) Only four buses are running; the others are being required for the six-monthly examination test.

(*d*) Bus-stop plates were introduced along the Town Service line at the cost of S. Rs. 2-1-12 per plate, including fixing charges, so that the public might know the stopping places of buses.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) 32 cases, 29 by Traffic Inspectors and 3 by Head Constables.

(*g*) Yes. There was a recent complaint from Rev. Fr. F. X. Lopez, Parish Priest, St. Antony's Church, Valiathurai, regarding absence of buses running to the beach. Arrangements have been made with the Prince Motor Tram Service Co., to run buses to meet public demand.

AGREEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE COMPANIES PERMITTED TO PLY BUSES.

1. The rate of fare shall be one chuckram per mile or fraction of a mile.

2. Provided that there are no infringements of agreement or permits, the companies will have the contract for 3 years from date of inauguration.

3. One company will have the eastern side of the town and the other the western side. The companies will change sides after the expiry of every 9 months unless they mutually agree to continue on their respective sides for the full 3 years.

4. Within 4 months each company shall have two buses of the approved type running on routes I & V respectively and one on each of the other routes apportioned.

5. Within 6 months each company shall have for every 3 buses forming its complement on the roads a fourth bus in reserve, provided where the complement is five there shall be two buses in reserve.

6. Within 4 months specified in para 4, 24 seater buses may be placed on the routes pending utilisation of the regular approved type buses, and if, within one month, any company has not its full complement of approved type buses or 24 seater buses on the routes, the other company will have the option of filling up the complement and will be liable to remove its buses from such routes within 10 days of the notice from the first said company of its ability to fill up the complement. At the expiry of these 10 days the first said company will complete its contract or have its contract cancelled, the Commissioner reserving the right of giving the contract to any other company.

7. Other companies' buses allowed by their G permits to run within the town itself will not have their G permits renewed for the limits of the town.

8. The type design bus is to be similar to that shown by the Prince Motor Tramway Co, having a chassis and engine suitable for conveying 23 persons all told in a saloon body with lowerable glass windows. There shall be only one passenger sitting level with the driver on the latter's left and he and the driver shall be in a cabin with an emergency door leading into the saloon which shall have 10 rows of seats, each

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[Mr. B. Narayana Pillai.]

holding 2 passengers, 5 rows a side, with a gangway between allowing passengers to move up and down with ease. At the rear of the saloon there is to be a door opening into the exit platform on which the conductor shall have a folding seat.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With regard to part (*e*), may I know whether the buses are stopping at the bus-stop places and taking passengers?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: My information is that they are stopping. But the difficulty is that passengers will not wait sufficiently long at the places where there are "bus-stop plates." They wait there for sometime and then move on to catch the bus on the way.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know from the member the purpose for which the bus-stop plates are being put up?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: For stopping buses.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether the object of these plates is for the safety of the public or for the convenience of the bus owners?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: These are put up for the convenience of the passengers.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PALLAI: May I ask whether the Commissioner thinks that it is better to advise the companies to stop buses at these stopping places so that there may be more safety for the public?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: I shall arrange for that.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With reference to part (*c*) of the question, may I know whether the required number of seven buses is now possessed by the Prince Tramway Co.?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: No. I have already stated that there are only four buses running. The remaining are being overhauled for the six-monthly examination.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether the Commissioner is satisfied that three buses are under repair?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: That is my information. The Traffic Superintendent has allowed the Company to produce the buses after making the necessary repairs for the six-monthly examination. If they fail to do so, I will cancel their permits and stop running.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): With reference to part (*g*), may I know whether there is regular service to Sankumukham for the convenience of the beach-going people?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: Yes.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: How many buses are running in the evening?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: My information is that in the morning one bus is running for the convenience of those who go to the public offices and other places, and in the evening there is one bus for the people who go to enjoy breeze and for those who go back to their houses.

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MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Commissioner be pleased to make further arrangements for more buses to run in the evening for the convenience of the beach-going people?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: According to the agreement, I shall insist on them.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: According to the agreement how many buses are running in the evening?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: I have no definite information about the number of buses; but I know that buses are running for the convenience of the passengers.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Is there not a clause saying that two buses should run?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: Yes.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Are two buses running now according to that clause?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: My information is that two buses are now running. I cannot say exactly whether those buses are running in the evening. Anyhow, I know that one bus is running in the evening.

Complaints against Mr. Hilkiah's taking part in the Presidential election of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality.

35. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. R. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar, Ex-Chairman of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality, petitioned the Government on 7-5-1106 to the effect that Mr. Hilkiah was openly taking part in the Presidential election;

(*b*) whether a deputation waited upon the Dewan in camp at Vaikam, and the Dewan stayed the election and ordered an enquiry and also ordered the transfer of Mr. Hilkiah from the place; and

(*c*) whether, in pursuance of the Dewan's order, Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar, Dewan Peishkar, issued notice to parties and summons to witnesses and posted the case for investigation at Nagercoil and why this enquiry was stopped all on a sudden?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) No. Government were not petitioned on 7-5-1106.

(*b*) No information is available whether a deputation waited upon the Dewan while in camp at Vaikam. A petition from Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar, dated 6-5-1106, was received from the Ag. Dewan's camp at Vaikam with orders to postpone the election of the President of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality. The Dewan did not order any enquiry or the transfer of Mr. Hilkiah on that petition.

(*c*) A petition, dated 4-5-1106, from Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar alleging certain irregularities in the list of nominations for the presidential election was forwarded to the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, for enquiry and disposal. The Dewan Peishkar dismissed that petition as it was found inadmissible under the rules.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether there was any enquiry?

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